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William Balzer



John Pommersheim

## Psychology chair named interim dean at Firelands

William Balzer, chair of the psychology department, has been named interim dean at Firelands College, Linda Dobb, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, has announced.

Balzer, a professor and specialist in industrial/organizational psychology, replaces Darby Williams, who is stepping down after six years as dean of the Huron campus.

In addition, Dobb said John Pommersheim, chair of the Department of Natural and Social Sciences at Firelands, will serve as interim associate dean of instruction. He will replace W. Jeffrey Welsh, who has resigned to accept a post at Lees-McCrae College in Banner Elk, N.C.

The appointments of Balzer and Pommersheim are effective July 1. Appointments to fill their vacated positions will be made soon.

Dobb said Balzer was chosen as interim dean at the suggestion of University President Sidney Ribeau, who noted Balzer's extensive administrative experience. The appointment is for a two-year period. Formation of a search committee to choose a permanent Firelands dean is not expected until the fall of 2000.

"We have many exciting challenges ahead at our Firelands campus. I am looking forward to working with Dr. Balzer and the Firelands faculty and staff on issues relating to increasing enrollment, forging closer links between the main campus and Firelands, and developing four-year degree programs," Dobb said. "Dr. Balzer has the additional exciting challenge of working closely with the entire Firelands com-

munity on their new Cedar Point Center at Firelands College."

Balzer joined the psychology department faculty in 1983 and has been department chair since 1993. From 1984-89 he was director of the Institute for Organizational Research and Development.

In 1996, Balzer was named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow. The prestigious, highly competitive ACE fellowship program enables promising faculty and staff in higher education to gain administrative experience by working with a chief academic officer or president on their own or another campus. Balzer spent his year as an ACE Fellow working in the president's office at Wayne State University in Detroit.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Balzer earned a master's degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a doctorate at New York University in 1983. Both advanced degrees are in industrial/organizational psychology.

Pommersheim earned his doctorate in mathematics education at the University of Pittsburgh and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics education from Pennsylvania State University.

He came to Firelands as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1984 and was promoted to associate professor in 1989. He has chaired the natural and social sciences department since 1992 and was named the college's Distinguished Teacher in 1993.

His committee service has included chairing the BGSU-Firelands budget committee since 1985.

## Voice mail system set for replacement

The year 2000 will be making its presence felt again next month in the form of a campus technology change.

This time, the voice mail system is being replaced, in part because the current system isn't "Y2K" compliant.

Faculty and staff will need to initialize their voice mailbox—enter greetings and passwords—on the new system, which is scheduled to be available for that purpose July 19.

The new system is expected to be in use July 30, although users will be able to retrieve old voice mail messages from the current system until its removal, set for Sept. 3.

The voice mail system needs to know the year in order to process days and dates properly, and the existing system wouldn't be able to do that come Jan. 1, said Ann-Marie Lancaster, vice provost for technology and chief information officer.

The existing system, installed in March 1993, has also reached its capacity, she said, further explaining the rationale for the change. Specifically, it can't support voice mail service for students in residence halls and small living units, as requested by Undergraduate Student Government a couple years ago, she

said.

Information technology services and residence life staff will work together to develop processes related to voice mail use by on-campus students.

The new system will offer "a few additional features," such as more security with passwords, Lancaster said. "It does allow for growth and expansion, which the other one did not," she added.

Current voice mail users should receive a mailing next week regarding the replacement schedule and instructions for entering greetings and passwords on the new system.

Departments will be reminded via phone on July 19 that the system is available for greeting and password entry. Also discussed with department contacts will be notification to users who are gone this summer.

"It really is a cut-and-dried process," Lancaster said, noting that voice mail is a "much less complex environment" than email. The coming change is from one standard supported system to another, which, while not precluding potential problems, means that "clear processes and procedures for ongoing use and maintenance of the system" are in place, she said.

## Willis appointed to fourth term as health, human services dean

Clyde Willis will begin a fourth five-year term as dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

The provost's office announced the reappointment, noting that Charles Middleton, former provost and vice president for academic affairs, had "vigorously endorsed" Willis' plan for continuing college development.

"While being responsive to the external factors that influence service and education, college programs will engage in ongoing reforms in health care and human service delivery," according to the provost's office.

Collaborative efforts both within the University and regionally will continue, and new priorities will include development of a focused mission statement.

The provost's office added that the college "has made significant progress under the direction of Dean Willis in the recruitment of outstanding new faculty who excel in the classroom and in the laboratory."

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## July computer classes

The following is the July schedule of free computer classes designed for BGSU faculty and staff. For more information or to register, call continuing education, international and summer programs, 2-8181.

### Basics for New Users:

- Get Started, July 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m., PC/Windows 95, and 1-3 p.m., Macintosh.
- File Management, July 7, 10:30 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 3-4 p.m., Macintosh.

### Spreadsheets:

- Excel I, July 20, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Excel II, July 27, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.

### Word Processing:

- Word I, July 8, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Word II, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and 1-4 p.m., PC/Windows.

### Databases:

- Access I, July 9, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.
- Access II, July 16, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows.

### The Net:

- Create Web Pages/HTML Basics, July 21, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.
- Adobe Acrobat, July 13, 10 a.m.-noon, Macintosh, and July 29, 1-3 p.m., PC/Windows.
- Eudora Email, July 12, 1-3 p.m., Macintosh, and July 19, 1-3 p.m., PC/Windows.

### Presentations:

- PowerPoint I, July 14, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.
- PowerPoint II, July 28, 9 a.m.-noon, PC/Windows, and 1-4 p.m., Macintosh.

### Publishing:

- PageMaker I, July 22, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh.
- PageMaker II, July 29, 9 a.m.-noon, Macintosh.

The continuing education office can also customize classes. For more information, call Carl Dettmer, 2-7872.

## job postings .....

### FACULTY

English. Instructor, general studies writing courses. Call the department, 2-2576. Deadline: July 2.

Chemistry. Instructor, general studies. Call the department, 2-2031. Deadline: July 16.

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

### CLASSIFIED

Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (July 2).  
Account Clerk 2 (C-87-M)—Bursar's Office. Pay grade 6.

Administrative Secretary 1 (C-94-V)—Mathematics and Statistics. Pay grade 8.

Graphic Artist (C-90-S)—Continuing Education. Pay grade 7.

Secretary 1 (C-95-M)—Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service. Twelve-month, part-time position. Pay grade 6.

Word Processing Specialist 3 (C-91-S)—Career Services. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
Educational Services  
Trainer/Facilitator (M-055)—WBGU-TV. Administrative grade

level 13. Deadline: July 9.

Systems Integration Analyst (V-053)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: July 9.

Tracking Analyst (S-052)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade level 12. Deadline: July 9.

Technical Services Coordinator (S-046)—WBGU-TV. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: July 9.

Director of Student Financial Aid (S-043)—Student Financial Aid. Administrative grade level 19. Deadline: July 12.

Assistant Dean of Students (S-048)—Student Life. Administrative grade level 16. Deadline: July 16.

Assistant Women's Gymnastics Coach (V-056)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: July 16.

Director of Design and Construction (M-051)—Design and Construction. Administrative grade level 18. Deadline: July 26.

Assistant Director/Career Technology (M-058)—Career Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: Aug. 2.

## in brief

### Science teaching goes Hollywood

Hollywood's science-related movies can, and do, have a profound effect upon young minds. Unfortunately, says Roger Thibault, director of environmental programs, these films often do not provide realistic messages about science and scientists.

Yet, he adds, commercial movies can be valuable classroom aids that help kindle young people's interest in science. The trick is for teachers to know how to sort fact from fiction and use the films to spark serious scientific inquiry, he says.

That's the challenge for 40 northwest Ohio middle and high school science teachers who have been on campus for a continuing workshop funded by a \$70,000 Eisenhower grant to Thibault from the Ohio Board of Regents.

Participants are "looking at commercial films and how to use them to teach science correctly," he said, noting that films like "Back to the Future" often send wrong messages but their subject matter can lead to worthwhile discussions.

"Time travel, which is the basic concept of the 'Back to the Future' movies, can result in an examination of Einstein's theory of relativity and questions about theoretical aspects of time travel," Thibault said.

Participants are producing their own movie using the film-editing Media 100 lab. Their film clips are being used to better explain scientific issues, such as the genetic engineering and science/technological effects seen in "Jurassic Park," he said.

### Firelands funded for performance

Firelands College is receiving \$20,188 in performance-based state funding based upon evaluation of its 1997-98 efforts on Ohio Board of Regents service expectations.

Firelands exceeded two expectations, regarding noncredit continuing education opportunities and partnerships with business, industry, government and labor for workforce retraining and community economic development.

The Huron campus met the other six state-set expectations on which two-year colleges had to report.

## campus calendar ....

### Monday, June 28

Monday Musicians, 11:30 a.m., Student Union oval, featuring jazz and free popsicles.

Board of Trustees meeting, 2 p.m., Assembly Room, McFall Center.

Tickets on sale for the Bowling Green Summer Musical Theater production of "Guys and Dolls," noon-6 p.m., Moore Musical Arts Center box office. Tickets are \$8, \$10 and \$12, and can be purchased by calling 2-8171. Show dates are July 9-10 and 16-17, and Aug. 27-28.

### Tuesday, June 29

Orientation and Registration begins for fall first-year students. Sessions will continue weekly through July.

VISION, 9 p.m., Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall.

### Wednesday, June 30

Brown Bag Luncheon, noon, picnic on the lawn outside Hanna Hall in honor of Independence Day. Bring your own red, white and/or blue food. Sponsored by the Women's Center.

Eating Disorders Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m., Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall.

Movie, "Antz," 8 p.m., 111 Olscamp Hall. Free.

### Continuing Events

#### June 29-July 3

"Noises Off," Huron Playhouse, each performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$6 for children. Reservations may be made by calling 419-433-4744.

#### Through Aug. 5

Exhibit of paintings and prints by BGSU graduate Susan Lisa, Little Gallery, North Building, Firelands College. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Free.